Esteemed Legislators,

I applaud the work of Annie Blumenfeld in gathering support for proposed bill HB-5422.

I am a veterinarian with many years of practice in Connecticut. I am also a past clinical professor at Mississippi State University, who taught classes about heartworm disease. It is obvious to me that the control of this potentially fatal, yet preventable disease lies with pet owner awareness. Raising the awareness will help save pet owners in Connecticut, thousands of dollars, and save the lives of many pets.

I urge you to support this bill. If I can be of assistance in any way in moving this bill forward please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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